

Norman Cross
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To the Norman Cross Rural District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the sanitary conditions of the district for the year ending 31st December 1942.

The report has been constructed on similar lines to the arrangement adopted for reasons of security in last year's report.

STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health — D. S. BUCHANAN, M.B.,B.S.,B.Hy.,D.P.H

Sanitary Inspector H. W. HAWKINS, A.R.S.I.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

LIVE BIRTHS

Birth Rate per 1000 population 14.5

STILL BIRTHS

Rate per 1000 total births 64.0

DEATHS

Death rate per 1000 population 10.6

Deaths from Puerperal Causes
rate per 1000 total births Nil

Death Rate of Infants under One Year of age:--

All infants per 1,000 live births	25.6
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	26.3
Illegitimate „ „ „ illegitimate „ „	Nil
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	16
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	1
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	0

RATES

	Per 1,000 Population			Per 1,000 Live Births
	Live Births	Still Births	Death Rate	Infantile Mortality
Norman Cross R.D.C.	14.5	0.99	10.6	25
England & Wales	15.8	0.54	11.6	49

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

The provision of health services within the area generally remains unaltered.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

No undertakings of any importance have been carried out during the past twelve months and generally the circumstances are unaltered.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The routine visits of inspection in connection with this work have been carried out as in past years.

TO THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

SIR,

I beg to submit my Report for the year ending 31st December, 1942.

Total No. of Inspections made 221

„ „ „ Notices served 14

(Informal 12 Statutory 2)

Complaints received	.....	Total No. of	.....	14
Premises, houses, etc.	.....	No. inspected	.....	203
		Nuisances abated	.....	14
Pool, ditch, gutter, watercourse		No. inspected	.....	1
		Nuisances abated	.....	1
Animals improperly kept	.....	No. inspected	.....	Nil
		Nuisances abated	.....	Nil
Privy, urinal, cesspool, ashpit	.....	No. inspected	.....	20
		Nuisances abated	.....	1
Drain, Drain-traps, etc., etc.	.....	No. inspected	.....	110
		Nuisances abated	.....	4
House, or part thereof, overcrowded		No. inspected	.....	Nil
		Nuisances abated	.....	Nil
Smoke nuisances	.....	No. of observations	.....	Nil
		Nuisances abated	.....	Nil
Offensive accumulations	.....	No. inspected	.....	3
		Nuisances abated	.....	3
Other sanitary conditions	.....	No. inspected	.....	9
		Nuisances abated	.....	9
Slaughter houses	.....	No. licensed or registered		10
		No. of inspections	.....	4
Offensive trades (Health Act 1936)		No. established	.....	Nil
		No. of inspections	.....	Nil
Housing Act, 1936	.....	No. houses condemned		Nil
		No. closed	.....	Nil
		No. cleaned and limewashed		Nil
Food—seizures of unwholesome		No. of		Nil

		Houses affected with Scarlet Fever, Enteric Fever, Diphtheria and Erysipelas	
Infectious Disease	..	Houses inspected	21
		No. of inspections	21
		Houses disinfected ..	21
		Schools ,,	Nil
		Disinfectant used	Formalin
		Lots of clothing disinfected	Nil
		,, ,, destroyed	Nil
Privy Middens .....	.....	New provided	Nil
		No. repaired	Nil
		No. converted to pails	1
		No. converted to W.C's	Nil
Pail or Earth Closets .....	....	New provided	5
		No. converted to W.C's	Nil
Water closets		New provided	Nil
		No. supplied with water	Nil
Ashbins .....	.....	New provided	Nil
		Samples taken for analysis	Nil
		,, condemned	Nil
Water supply .....	.....	Wells closed	Nil
		Wells cleansed, repaired, etc.	Nil
		Public supply substituted for well or pond	Nil
		Cisterns cleansed, repaired, covered	2
		Waste pipes disconnected from drain	Nil
Housing, etc., Act, 1936 .....	....	No. houses closed	Nil
		,, ,, made habitable	Nil
		,, ,, demolished	Nil
Building Bye Laws adopted .....	.....	.....	15/7/39
Total Legal Proceedings, <i>i.e.</i> , Summonses, etc. ....		.....	Nil
Convictions .....		.....	Nil

H. W. HAWKINS,
Sanitary Inspector.

The following table gives the incidence of notifiable diseases (other than tuberculosis) in the area during 1942.

DISEASE	TOTAL												Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
	under 1 year	1 — 2	2 — 3	3 — 4	4 — 5	5 — 10	10 — 15	15 — 20	20 — 35	35 — 45	45 — 65	65 & upwards		
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	1	—	7	4	1	1	2	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	4	—
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	4
Measles	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	3	7	5	6	5	27	6	—	1	1	—	—	1	1
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1
	2	61	3	4	1	4	1	—	16	—	1	—	—	—

SCABIES.

The incidence of Scabies reported in the district within the past twelve months has been small. Cases were investigated and were in almost every case found to be directly due to people coming into the district and suffering from this disease. While it was found possible for the greater majority of these cases to be treated at home it was necessary for a small number of cases to be transferred to Hospital for in-patient treatment.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Under the present system whereby immunisation against Diphtheria is purely a voluntary matter, the complete immunisation of all children, both of School age and under School age, will never be achieved.

The response so far as School children are concerned has been maintained as in former years, and in connection with children of under School age, the response of the parents is showing definite signs of improvement from year to year. During the 12 months ended 31st December, 1942, the number of children immunised was as follows:

Over 5 years of age	179	} 431	Estimated percentage of children immunised up to end of 1942:—
Under 5 years of age	252		Under 5 years 34.1 Over 5 years 76.5

The arrangements made by the Local Authority to cover this scheme of free immunisation against diphtheria have been found to function in an extremely satisfactory manner and have been adequate to meet all requirements.

Tuberculosis.

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—
15	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
25	1	3	—	—	—	1	—	—
35	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
45	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 & upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL:—	6	6	4	—	2	1	—	—

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925 in connection with persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act 1936 dealing with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. BUCHANAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

